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FRENCH POLICE, SECRET SERVICE ARE SHUFFLED IN MOROCCO CASE

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The de Gaulle government admitted yesterday that French officials were involved in the Ben Barka scandal.

After a meeting of President de Gaulle and his Cabinet, it was announced that the police department and the secret service were being administratively reshuffled. It was also disclosed that Gen. Paul Jacquer, chief of the secret service, was being retired.

His successor is Gen. Eugene Guilbaud, who once served as military intelligence chief in French Indochina.

Information Minister Yvon Bourges, in announcing Gen. Jacquer's retirement, said he already was six months beyond the normal retirement age.

Gen. Jacquer became 55 last June 14, according to the French "Who's Who."

He is a year younger than his replacement. Gen. Guilbaud was born Sept. 5, 1909, according to an Armed Forces Ministry biography, and thus is 56.

A government spokesman said the changes were not related to the Ben Barka case. However, a communique issued after the Cabinet session called the case "a criminal enterprise mounted from the start from abroad and which had the benefit of certain complicity by agents of the secret service or of French police officers. The French government was not involved in it."

President de Gaulle, the spokesman said, "insisted"

that the police and the secret service determine what happened to Mehdi Ben Barka, exiled leader of the Moroccan opposition who was kidnaped on a Paris street Oct. 29 and apparently murdered in the suburbs.

Because high Gaullist officials allegedly were informed in advance of the kidnapping plans, and because of other bizarre incidents in the case, the government has been under increasing pressure from the press and the public to find out what actually happened and why French officials became involved.

The government also was disturbed by the effect the scandal might have on France's relations with several Arab nations and African countries.

Mr. Ben Barka, according to one report, was knifed to death by Gen. Mohammed Oufkir, Morocco's Interior Minister and military chief. The report said the general feared Mr. Ben Barka was about to be pardoned by King Hassan II and allowed to return to Morocco to lead the opposition party.

But the man who gave this report, an ex-convict named Georges Figon, was reported by the police to have shot himself to death Monday night as police were about to arrest him in his Paris apartment. According to the police, they knocked on his door, announced their presence, and when no response was forthcoming sent for the concierge to get the door key. The police said Figon shot himself before they could enter.

The secret service will be transferred from the jurisdiction of Premier Georges Pompidou to that of the Minister of the Army, under yesterday's order. The government spokesman said the change had long been contemplated.

Despite the government denials that the moves were related to the Ben Barka case, it was recalled that two Paris policemen have been arrested and have admitted helping take the Moroccan leader on the suburban ride. They deny any knowledge of a murder, and assert they thought they were taking him for "political talks" with unidentified Moroccan officials.

In addition, Maj. Marcel Le Roy, chief of research of the secret service, admitted knowing of the abduction plans in advance. He was suspended Tuesday.